

FMB Elects Parks Executive Director

R. Keith Parks, director of the Mission Support Division of the Foreign Mission Board, has been named executive director-elect to succeed Baker James Cauthen when Cauthen retires from that post at the end of this year.

The board met this week at Glorieta. A telegram from John W. Patterson, president of the board, received by the Baptist Record Tuesday, read, "The Foreign Mission Board rejoices to inform you that R. Keith Parks has been elected unanimously executive director of the Foreign Mission Board. Thank you for your prayers and concern."

At 51 Parks brings to his new post 14 years of missionary experience, seven years' work as an area secretary, and four years as one of the board's three division directors.

His election also marks the third time the board has asked him to fill a key position in its administrative staff. In June, 1968, after he and his wife had served 14 years as missionaries to Indonesia, he was elected secretary for Southeast Asia. This was a new post created two months previously in a reorganization of the board's Overseas Division.

He served seven years administering the work of missionaries in eight countries or territories before his election in August, 1975, as director of the Missions Support Division.

Under Parks' direction the work of this division has been organized in four major departments — Missionary Personnel, Communications, Furlough Ministries, and Denominational Coordination. Parks also gives general supervision to News and Information Services and to the board's international writer and editor.



Parks

Born Oct. 23, 1927, near Memphis, Texas, Parks grew up in Texas and Arkansas. At the age of six he was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism and his parents were told he could not live past 13.

But his mother prayed, dedicating her son to God, and young Keith lived. "I knew nothing of this until I had entered religious service," Parks wrote in 1954 as he and his wife, the former Helen Jean Bond, of Abilene, Texas, were appointed missionaries to Indonesia.

Parks, who holds the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary, taught in the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia in Semarang, Java. He also was acting president during the furlough of the seminary's regular missionary president and did evangelistic work.

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Mississippi Youth Night To Feature Pollard, Clower

A packed house at the Mississippi Coliseum is expected by organizers of the annual Youth Night, Aug. 17, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The program, which begins at 6:30 p.m., in the 10,000 seat coliseum includes a spiritual message by Frank Pollard, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church, entertainment by

Jerry Clower, humorist from Yazoo City, and improvisational acting by John and Vicco Witty of Nashville, Tenn.

Music will be brought by Don Francisco of Atlanta, Ga., and Gary Floyd of Conroe, Tex.

Organist for the evening will be Sammy Polk of Prentiss. Pianist will be Alicia Gatewood of Forest.

Francisco wrote the song "He's Alive" which is the story of Jesus' resurrection from Peter's point of view. Floyd has recorded such songs as "Rise Again," and "Give Them All To Jesus."

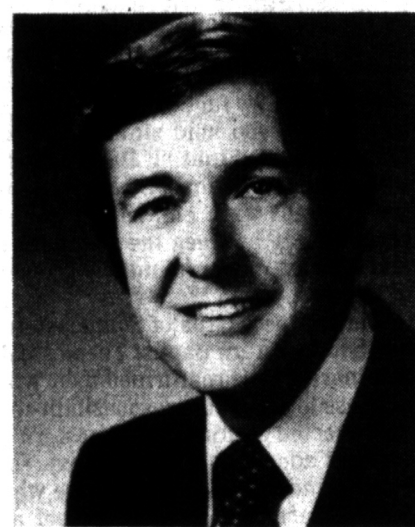
The Wittys are a husband and wife team "who use humor to proclaim the love of God," according to their brochure. They began performing in a

night club act in 1972. They were married in 1974 and became Christians, dedicating their talents to Him.

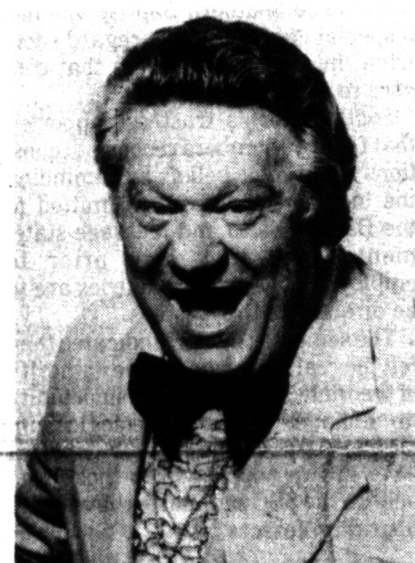
Jerry Clower began peddling fertilizer after a stint in the Navy and work as an assistant agent. His knack for storytelling led him naturally into the business of telling stories for groups and for record albums. His faith in Christ comes through in his talks especially to groups of young people.

The program is free to the public. A number of youth groups from Baptist churches all over the state are bringing in bus loads of people.

Larry Salter of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is coordinating the program.



Pollard



Clower



The Wittys



Polk



Gatewood



Francisco



Floyd

Registration Irregularities Report Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee will receive a report on Sept. 17 of the investigation of alleged registration irregularities at the 1979 annual meeting of the SBC in Houston.

SBC Registration Secretary Lee Porter, instructed by a vote of SBC messengers to conduct the investigation, said he will suggest that the Executive Committee hear the report at its September 1979 meeting in Nashville, study it, and take any action it deems necessary at its February 1980 meeting.

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Seminary Hillbillies Tap Bare Feet

By Richard Dodge

NEW ORLEANS — The stillness of the theological atmosphere was abruptly broken on Friday morning recently as a variety of sounds burst forth from the central quadrangle of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The eruption of noise did come as a surprise to many. Warning signs, disguised as invitations, were posted in many parts of the campus. But many persons were still unprepared for what was happening.

What did happen? It was the first Seminary Hillbilly Day, marking the beginning of summer for the Seminary family, and included more than an hour of pickin', grinnin', eatin', and funnin'. And before the hour was over, several hundred students, families, faculty members and even a few administrators had gathered to lend an ear to the music that filled the campus air.

Brief cases, known on campus as "kingdom bags," were converted to seats for the hour. Normally quiet, unemotional persons became noisy, clapping and slapping "hillbillies," and generally unseen students armed themselves with musical instruments for the run.

There were bare feet, sweets to eat, and even bales of hay which became a long seat.



Several hundred students gathered outside the classroom buildings at the Seminary as Al Fike, of Leakesville, Miss., picks away at his banjo.

Bill Includes Church Lobby

WASHINGTON (BP) — Churches would be covered by a new lobby disclosure bill introduced in the U. S. Senate.

Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., introduced a lobby disclosure measure which he said would cover only organizations whose primary activity is lobbying. However, churches are included in the bill's provisions with one exception. Churches which engaged in lobbying activities would not have to

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Hillbilly Day at New Orleans Seminary was a lot of fun and laughs, as can be seen from the expression on the face of Jacksonian Buster Pray, drummer for the group of musicians. Pray is a music major at the seminary.



Between songs there always seems to be a need for adjustments in instruments. Buster Pray, from Jackson, Miss., watches from his drum set as Rick Forbus, left, checks a cord, Tommy Smith (standing, back turned) checks his guitar, and Buzz Thomas, right, tests the microphone. Forbus is from Greenville, Miss.; Thomas is from Maryville, Tenn.; and Smith is from Brandon, Miss.

Cooperative Program Still May Fall Short

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Strong giving to the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget in July propelled Southern Baptists 11.13 percent ahead of last year's pace.

But even with that percentage increase, statistical projections indicate that giving will probably fall at least \$300,000 short of the capital needs budget of SBC agencies.

Projections indicate now, said Tim Hedquist of the SBC Executive Committee, that the SBC will reach the \$62,000,000 basic operating budget, but not reach the additional \$2 million budgeted for capital needs. In addition to the \$64 million in basic operating and capital needs, the 1978-79 budget calls for another \$11 million in challenge funds for Bold Mission Thrust needs.

With 10 months gone in the 1978-79 fiscal year, the undesignated Cooperative Program portion of the budget has

reached \$53,023,638, compared with \$47,715,260 contributed at the same point in the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Altogether in the first 10 months, Southern Baptists gave \$106,128,961, including the Cooperative Program figure and another \$53,105,323 in designated contributions. The total gifts showed a 12.66 percent increase and the designated contributions a 14.23 percent increase.

The designated contributions include gifts to the SBC's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions, which totaled \$15,452,000 — exceeding the offering's goal of \$15 million and representing a 14.3 percent increase over last year.

Giving in the month of July alone, the 10th month in the fiscal year, amounted to \$7,192,541, a 22.85 percent increase over last July. That figure includes \$5,503,555 in Cooperative Program contributions (13.3 percent increase) and \$1,688,986 in designated gifts (69.58 percent increase).

Sept. 9-12 Prayer Season Packet Mailed

By Marjean Patterson

Already in the hands of WMU leaders in churches and associations are materials to be used in this year's observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions.

Program materials for Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Acteens and GAs have been mailed, along with posters and offering envelopes.

Suggestions for church-wide observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions are included in the program booklet which will be used by Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women.

In just a few days, in the Pastor Mailout, there will be mailed to every pastor in Mississippi a copy of the program booklet for Baptist Women/Baptist Young Women, along with a twenty-three frame film clip, a printed script, and a cassette tape. These materials are designed to be used at a Sunday evening or a Wednesday evening church-wide meeting.

If you have not received any materials to assist with your observance of the State Mission Season of Prayer and you'd like to have some, please contact the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

More Than 70,000 In State In Language Culture Groups

August 12 is Language Missions Day in the Southern Baptist Convention. In Mississippi alone, there are more than 70,000 persons who are members of language culture groups.

Mississippi Baptists have work among several of these language groups including Chinese, American Indians, Hispanics, and the deaf.

Deaf work is considered language work primarily because of the language of signs that the majority of deaf persons use for communication (in addition to oral communication.)

Richard Alford, language missions consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in the Cooperative Missions Department, reports 19,700 identifiable deaf persons in the state.

He says he knows of 18 Mississippi Baptist churches from Corinth to Pascagoula and from Meridian to Natchez with work among the deaf. The United States government estimates there are 5,400 Choctaw Indians in the state. Working among these people in the Philadelphia area are Dolton and Martha Haggan, home missionaries to the Choctaws.

On the Gulf Coast, there are some 3-4,000 American Indians from as many as 40 tribes. Cloyd Harjo is on the coast working to develop ministries among these people.

Alford says the US Census estimates 6,000 Hispanics in the state. Baptists have developed work among Spanish speaking people on the coast, the Morton area, and in Jackson.

Also, Chinese speaking people are living in the Mississippi Delta primarily, numbering nearly 1,500. Many are involved in Baptist churches.

Baptists have had work among the Vietnamese, and the Koreans, but many of the Vietnamese have moved out of the state, according to Alford, and the Korean work is almost non-existent now.

Refugee resettlement comes generally under the heading of language missions — with many refugees speaking no English at all. Since refugees tend to cluster, Alford says this is obviously "an opportunity to establish a Christian ministry among them."

In these areas, in particular, one ministry that has worked for Baptists,

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August 12 Is Language Missions Day



"Welcome, Jim Smith"

A Mississippi Baptist delegation welcomes Dr. and Mrs. James H. Smith, (left) of Springfield, Ill., to the Brotherhood Commission following Dr. Smith's election as executive director. They are (from left) trustee Pat Nowell of Tunica, trustee Norris Stamper of Jackson, trustee Trent Grubbs of Crenshaw, and state Brotherhood director Paul Harrell of Jackson.

Seminary Presidents Affirm Institutions

By Norman Jameson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist seminary presidents feel the SBC meeting in Houston strongly affirmed their institutions in the face of charges the schools were losing their doctrinal integrity.

Three of them met with their faculties following the convention to discuss possible consequences of the election of Adrian Rogers as president. Rogers had, prior to the convention, voiced concern over the "liberalism" he said is afoot in certain Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries.

Rogers was the candidate of a group which held pre-convention meetings in at least 15 states with the stated purpose of electing a man as SBC president who is committed to biblical inerrancy as an issue. Its charges of liberalism in the seminaries, and counterclaims by the seminary presidents at a news conference preceding the convention, prompted concern by seminary supporters that animosity would erupt at the convention.

But the seminary reports received a warm response and hearty applause when presented and messengers passed a resolution expressing gratitude for the schools. In interviews six weeks after the annual meeting, the presidents see the good response and resolution, continued high enrollments, and the fact messengers allocated seminaries 21.7 percent of the 1980 Cooperative Program basic operating budget as indications they still hold the respect of Baptists.

"The rules by which we live our lives and do our work have not been changed," W. Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, told a packed chapel audience after the convention.

Landrum Leavell, who will meet with his New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary faculty in August, feels Rogers would have been elected "anywhere he let his name be put up" and that no group can claim credit for his election. Rogers disassociated himself from any faction after the election and said he would be the president of all Southern Baptists.

"What alarms me," said Leavell, "is when they make a blanket accusation without support, indicting innocent people by innuendo." He said he wouldn't have "too much concern until someone stands and names someone who's teaching heresy. If they've got some of ours, they need to name them."

None of the seminaries are suffering an enrollment drop from adverse publicity created by the blanket charges of liberalism. All are at or very near the schedule of enrollment that sets records last fall and requests for application for this fall are up all over, including a 40 percent increase at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

The presidents made continual reference to the fact that their professors are thoroughly screened before hiring

by the trustees and that the trustees are elected by messengers at the annual SBC meetings. Since a stated aim of the inerrancy faction is the election of trustees who hold similar views, Lolley indicated that "if Baptists outside the mainstream of Southern Baptist thought gain control, it could create a gap between the seminaries and the vast moderate middle ground of Baptist opinion."

The trustee boards of Southeastern and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries have reaffirmed their willingness to accept the responsibility of their elected positions. Southeastern's trustees adopted a resolution expressing "utmost confidence in those who teach, learn and live the gospel at Southeastern . . . and invite any well-intentioned Southern Baptist who has a special concern in this regard (doctrinal integrity) to address that concern to them."

Southwestern's trustees supported that faculty members respond to questions about their beliefs by reminding the inquirers they are committed to the Baptist Faith and Message statement which they sign prior to employment. Further inquiries are to be directed to the trustees.

The seminary leaders indicated they felt the real issue was not the authority of the Bible, but rather the opportunity to "enhance" several theological institutions outside the convention which have drawn support from those who believe the SBC seminaries have some liberal professors.

Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern, voiced the attitude of the presidents when he said his faculty and administration want to be responsive to the interests and concerns of Southern Baptists.

"Southern Baptists, through their committee structure, will continue to elect as trustees men and women who have their best interests of Southern Baptists at heart," Ferguson said. "We welcome and affirm all trustees elected through the stated processes."

Bill Pinson, president of Golden Gate, said students on his campus were "indignant" at the charges leveled at seminary professors. Pinson said he has a "strong and even emotional commitment to mission strategy in the west and the role Golden Gate ought to play in it, and it bothers me that something should come along and undermine that."

"California needs 1,000 new churches right now," said Pinson, who added he hoped nothing would distract from the effort to establish them.

And that was the consensus of the seminary presidents. In McCall's words: "In the end we deal with the Bible available to us today and we think that is quite sufficient. We don't think God lost control or made a mistake. What we're concerned with is something on another side, that we get on with the preaching of the Word to a lost world."

Janet Jordan Volunteers Time, Talents To Seminary Library

By Anita G. McGraw

Organizing a library from the ground up is not new to Janet Jordan. This Jackson social studies teacher feels right at home with a roomful of books piled one on top of hundreds of others.

This summer Mrs. Jordan is spending four hours each day working in the library of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. "She's performing a miracle," said Richard Brogan, president of the seminary. "We gave her rooms full of stacks and boxes of books, and she is turning them into a library."

Mrs. Jordan, who enjoys using her talents wherever God needs them, has given several summers to library work in mission areas. She has worked in Canada with a church which developed into a seminary, as well as with the Metropolitan Baptist Association office in New York City.

In New York during the summer of 1978, Mrs. Jordan worked with home missionary Ken Lyle in setting up a library for use there. Arrangements for the project had been made by Paul Harrell of Mississippi's Brotherhood Department. A conversation between Harrell and Brogan led to the seminary library and Mrs. Jordan.

Brogan, who had no idea how to develop a library from the thousands of books donated to the seminary, contacted Mrs. Jordan in January. After surveying the situation and discussing plans for volunteer assistance, Mrs.

Jordan accepted the challenge.

Volunteer help would be the key to completing the project since the school had no funds available to pay for all the help they would need. Letters were sent from Brogan's office to librarians and media center directors in churches in Hinds-Madison Association, asking them if they would be willing to give time—a little or a lot—to the project.

Mrs. Jordan, involved in the missions organizations at First Baptist Church, Jackson, persuaded some of her friends to help. "We have about 10 people who come to help us regularly," said Mrs. Jordan. "Usually we have one to three people helping, but we have had as many as seven in one day."

Work began at the seminary on June 11. Since that time, just over 600 of the 3,000-4,000 books have been catalogued and placed on the shelves. "It's a good beginning," says Brogan. "But there is more work to be done. We will be trying to find someone to serve as librarian for us on a parttime basis after we move into our new facilities in late November. Having a usable library is going to be a great asset to our students."

Mississippi Baptist Seminary, whose new headquarters facilities will be located on Lynch Street in Jackson, was opened in 1944 through the efforts of Herbert L. Lang, other leaders of National Baptists of Mississippi, the

Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Seminary centers were established around the state to take religious education to the people. Only four of those 28 original centers are not functioning today. In the 24 existing centers 1,414 students studied during the 1978-79 academic year.

(Anita G. McGraw, graduate student in journalism at Ole Miss, is assisting the Baptist Record staff this summer.)



Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Allen.



JANET JORDAN (at typewriter), a social studies teacher at Jackson's Jim Hill High School, adds book titles to the library accession list at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Nancy R. Allen, librarian at First Baptist Church, Clinton and Irene Couch of First Baptist Church, Jackson, assist in the cataloguing one to two days each week. Others who have volunteered their time are Beulah Lewis, Celia Jones, Mary Burkett, Migvionne Tadlock, Mary Ann Horton, Dayna Tadlock, Daphne Pridgen, Nina Brady, Iris Frederick, and Ella Bowlin.

1st Criswell-Robison Bible Conference Set

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vided they weren't political and did not involve attacks on Southern Baptist institutions," Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., said then.

Asked by the Word and Way about the absence of seminary representatives in the Heart of America program, Criswell said, "That is a problem that has to be worked out. They have to be included (in the future)."

Robison said he wants seminary presidents to speak at the conferences and would urge them to do so in the future. None were specifically invited to the St. Louis meeting, Huckabee said, adding, "There was no specific reason for them not to be invited and they will be in the future."

Robison said a major difference between the Heart of America conference, which will major on evangelistic inspirational preaching, and those in conjunction with SBC seminaries will be class time spent with seminary students.

Besides Robison and Criswell, pro-

ram personnel at the first conference include Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; James Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, and president of the SBC Pastors' Conference; Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas; Jack Stanton, director of the Institute of Evangelism at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; Larry Lewis, pastor of the host church; and Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

After participating in a Robison-sponsored Bible conference, Criswell approached the evangelist about sponsoring regional Bible conferences in the major cities of the country. Criswell said he offered to participate in such conferences and pledged \$1,000 a month toward secretarial cost to get the conferences going. But because of his busy pastoral schedule, he turned the coordination over to Robison, who already had planned a series of such conferences.

Robison said the conference will not "harangue" an issue. "This will not be a time of my belief versus your belief. We will uphold the Bible and the biblical commissions."

The evangelist added that the conference will not back away from issues but it will not fight anyone's battles. "I don't care if you have been mistreated by someone. You have to have the spirit of Christ and the spirit of Christ is forgiveness. Vengeance belongs to God, not to man," said Robison.

"This conference will present Jesus and the truth. We are going to help people more fully love the Lord."



Candlelighting Service

Acteens Conference: Largest Salt Shaker

KANSAS CITY — "You are the world's largest saltshaker," Bill O'Brien told participants at the National Acteens Conference.

In a celebration of salt and light, the Foreign Mission Board executive said, "You are 10,000 grains of salt waiting to be poured out on the world. Never be satisfied to sit where you are."

He urged the girls to take evangelism, ministry, and missions as a personal responsibility. "Don't leave the job to your pastors. They are only refiners of salt, but you are the salt," he said.

"You came to Kansas City to celebrate and you have. We must not let memories of celebration become altars where we worship. We must go home to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth," O'Brien said.

Oklahama Acteens dressed in the national costumes of 94 nations where Southern Baptist missionaries work paraded across Bartle Hall. In dramatic pose they held burning candles high, while the crowd cheered and sang a traditional mission song for girls, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

The third National Acteens Conference attracted approximately 11,500 registrants and numerous other Southern Baptists to Kansas City. They participated in a marathon of celebrations keyed to the theme of the conference: Christ Excitedly Lives Everywhere. Boldly Rejoice and Tell Everyone.

Beverly Sutton, Acteens consultant for the sponsoring Woman's Missionary Union, predicted that the girls would participate not only in jubilant celebrations, but also in serious ones.

On the merry side was an all-night romp at Worlds of Fun Amusement Park. The Acteens Conference bought exclusive use of the park for the evening. In between rides on the Screamer roller and the Zamboni Zinger, girls sat in on the premier of a new musical drama. Ed Seabough and Mark Blankenship created the show on request of WMU. Dear Diary told the story of a young girl who discovered the secret of happy Christian living. From being envious of her friends, she grew to desire being the unique Christian witness God intended for her to be.

Dear Diary included the theme song of NAC 3, "Celebrate." The show was performed by Didomi, a group of young Baptist professional performers from Phoenix, Arizona. They appeared in every session with upbeat Christian music. Other singers included Kay DeKalb, comedienne from Nashville, Tennessee, and Paul Smith, Waco, Texas.

On the serious side, two girls' missions organization leaders led Bible studies. Juliette Mather, longtime youth leader for WMU beginning in 1921, urged the girls to fight peer pres-

sure to indulge in drugs, alcohol, and sex. "If peer pressure is a problem, you can put out some pressure for righteousness," Miss Mather said.

She also told the girls, "The closer to Jesus you become, the more missionary you will be."

The HMB's consultant on the Unification Church, former Moonie Chris Elkins, drew large crowds to hear his testimony.

More Than 70,000 In State

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has been Conversational English classes, with current ministries on the Gulf Coast and in Hattiesburg.

Two seaport ministries round out Mississippi's contribution to language missions with Paul and Fran Vandercook working among the estimated 30,000 international seamen whose ships tie up in Gulfport and Pascagoula each year.

Thinking to the future, the Home Mission Board has established a scholarship program for young people planning to go into language missions work.

Of the 177 scholarships in 1978-79, one was given to a student in Mississippi. That person is Linda Laurence at University of Southern Mississippi, who is studying for work with the deaf.

Beer-Buying Laurel Pastor Was Only Trying To Prove A Point

By Tim Nicholas

A Laurel Baptist pastor may be prosecuted for illegally buying beer on Sunday.

But Terry Booth, pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church didn't plan to drink it. What he was doing was trying to prove to the mayor of Laurel that illegal sales were continuing after a new ordinance banning Sunday sales went into effect.

Booth, representing the Jones County Christian Action Committee and the Laurel City Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference thought he had all his bases covered.

After the two groups had approached the city council for improvements in what was considered by the council an unenforceable law, Booth and the other pastors kept in contact with the new law's development.

Though Booth said the new law was not strong enough, Laurel Mayor Bill Patrick told Booth and other pastors in a meeting this last spring that they should give this ordinance a chance.

Booth and Patrick agreed on the dialogue in this meeting—but only up to a point.

They agreed that the mayor said that the city wanted an enforceable law and that they could help by monitoring illegal sales.

Booth recalled the mayor telling him (with six other pastors in the room) "You buy a can of beer and if the man is convicted, we will pull his license."

The mayor told the Baptist Record he did not say that. "What I did say was we needed help in enforcing not only the ordinance, but for all law violations . . . Now he might have interpreted it needed his help. I never told him to go out and buy beer on Sunday, but if they observed illegal sales to let us know," Booth said he asked the mayor three times if the buyer was liable and the mayor said no each time.

Then, the first Sunday the ordinance was in force, June 17, Booth phoned the mayor who was not at home, then Commissioner Foxy Roberts, and told him what he was going to do. Then he called the police station and told the person at the switchboard.

Then Booth went to O. L. Blue Curb Store on Meridian Ave. on a tip from another store owner and bought a beer, illegally, "the first can of beer I ever bought in my life," he said.

And he took the can to the police station where he swore out an affidavit against the person who sold it to him.

That man's trial is set for today, Thursday, Aug. 9. It is the third date that has been set.

That sales person may be convicted

and that owner may have his beer sales license pulled. But Booth could also be fined or go to jail because the ordinance states it's also illegal to buy beer on Sunday.

Mayor Patrick told the Baptist Record that he had no doubt that Booth did not do what he did to violate the intent of the law.

Booth said he's been told by the prosecutor, Richard Yoder, that if charges are brought, he'll prosecute. And the defense attorney for the store just might press charges.

Church Declines SBC Affiliation

By Don Hepburn

VAN NUYS, Calif. (BP) — The First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, one of the largest evangelical churches in Southern California, has voted not to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Although a majority approved the bylaw changes, which would have duly aligned the independent congregation with the Southern Baptists and Conservative Baptists, the resolution failed because passage required two-thirds majority approval.

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First, Biloxi, Gulf Association Begin Spanish Work On Coast

By Anne McWilliams

Primera Iglesia Bautista de Biloxi had its beginning in January of this year, under joint sponsorship of First Baptist Church of Biloxi and the Gulf Coast Baptist Association. The Spanish mission now has 22 members. State convention and Home Mission Board funds supplement the pastor's salary.

For several years concerned people had been praying for an outreach to Spanish speaking people on the Mississippi coast. Last summer Peggy Dyson, a member of First, Biloxi, who speaks Spanish, took a trip to Costa Rica. She returned home with a real longing for a Spanish mission in her own church, and began to pray that the Lord would send someone to help her start the mission. Her prayer was answered so quickly, and so exactly, that she could scarcely believe it.

Within six months Eliu Camacho-Vazquez had moved to the area, with his wife Carmen and their three children, to initiate a ministry in the Spanish language.

"We wanted to begin a mission in the area of Keeler," Camacho said. "We considered several places." Not aware that they were an answer to Peggy Dyson's prayer, they chose to meet at First Church, Biloxi, because facilities were available for simultaneous services; because they could benefit from the church's publicity program, particularly the television publicity; and because of the church's willingness for them to be there.

Since January, Camacho-Vazquez has baptized nine, including his daughter and nephew. Thirteen have joined by letter. Attendance is generally 30 to 35 for the Sunday morning worship service.

"At least 1500 households of Spanish speaking families live along the Coast from Ocean Springs to Long Beach," the pastor said. "There are many Spanish speaking at Keeler and at the Seabees base, from Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and other places."

Sunday mornings, while Joe Macal

teaches the Sunday School lesson in Spanish, the children go to the English-speaking Sunday School. Joe's wife, Maxine, is the church secretary.

Sunday nights the Spanish mission members worship with the English-speaking congregation. Wednesday nights they have prayer meeting at 6:30; Thursday nights, visitation time is 7:30; Saturday nights at 6:30 members meet to sing in various homes.

Activities

Alberto Centeno has volunteered to organize a choir. He and Peggy Dyson work together in planning the music. First, Bay St. Louis gave the mission 25 hymnals. The first baby dedicated in the Spanish church was the child of Centeno and his wife Casey.

During July the Spanish congregation started sending volunteers on Saturdays to be hosts at the Baptist Seamen's Center in Gulfport.

Once a month the members have a covered dish fellowship dinner. This has been a good way to reach people, the pastor says, because they like to come for a good time. Then when they meet the members and see the Christian love shown through their lives, they want to come to church, too.

During the recent Moody Adams revival crusade, a member of the Spanish church invited three people to the revival. All three made professions of faith.

Puerto Rican

Camacho-Vazquez is from Puerto Rico and is the son of a Baptist minister. He was educated at William Carey and at Pepperdine University, and has been studying theology at New Orleans Seminary.

Last year he retired from the U. S. Army, with the rank of major. While in the army he was commanding officer of an infantry company, a recruiting officer, and chief of the Ethnic Studies Branch at the Defense Race Relations Institute.

During his military service he was pastor of Spanish language missions in Georgia and in the Canal Zone. He was ordained to the ministry in December, 1978, in Orlando, Fla.

Project Philip

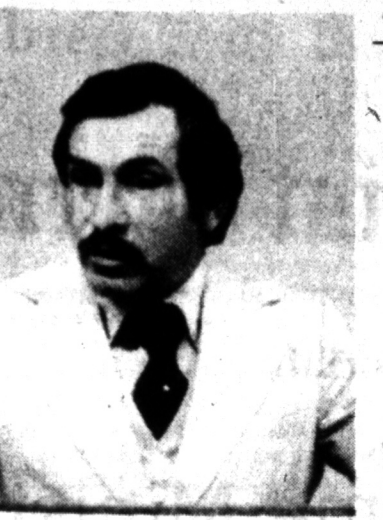
As an aid in outreach the pastor each month sends out a newsletter that goes to 200 homes in Mississippi and in other states. He includes in the newsletter a devotional thought, prayer requests, and news of the Spanish church in Biloxi.

He says that these letters have become a tool for witnessing, and are a means of contact with the church members' relatives and friends in other states, and around the world. "My ministry is sometimes like that of a chaplain," he states.

Project Philip has been advertised in the newsletter. This is the offer of a Bible course in Spanish that may be studied at home, and may be obtained free, only by writing "Proyecto Felipe," 19 Joanna Lane, Gulfport, MS 39503 (telephone 601-832-0198.)

Frank Gunn, pastor of First, Biloxi, said, "This ministry is a blessing to our church because now we see our mission money in action. Some of what we are giving to the association and the Cooperative Program is being spent right here in our community. Our people are a part of missions."

Peggy Dyson's prayer was answered. The Spanish pastor came. Spanish speaking people are responding. Most of them speak English, too, but they want to hear God's Word "in the language of their hearts."



Camacho



Peggy Dyson presents special music. She was one of the first members of the Spanish church.



The Spanish congregation at First Church, Biloxi, now numbers 22, but the attendance usually is higher. The pastor, Eliu Camacho-Vazquez and his wife Carmen are at the extreme left. The baby at the right was the first dedicated at the church. Her father, behind her, Alberto Centeno, has volunteered to lead the music.

Ministry To American Indians Begins On Coast

Cloyd Harjo is on the Gulf Coast developing an evangelistic witness and pastoral ministry to American Indians. He arrived a few weeks ago to work in this cooperative ministry of First Baptist Church, Gautier, Jackson County Baptist Association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Home Mission Board.

Baptized nine years ago, in the Tuskegee Baptist Church of Eufala, Okla., Harjo came to Mississippi from a job as maintenance man for the Seneca Indian School at Wyandotte, Okla.

For the past five years, he worked in Wyandotte and returned with his family to Eufala to be with their home church.

He'd spent his vacations for years on the reservation working in Vacation

Bible Schools, and preaching. He was Sunday School director at Tuskegee church. But for Harjo, a Creek and Seminole Indian, that wasn't enough.

In March of this year, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by his home church.

A visit a few years ago to the Mississippi Gulf Coast on his way to do work with the Seminoles in Florida, coupled with recommendations from missionary Jimmy Anderson and Sam Kinsolving, director of the Pascagoula Indian Center, brought Harjo and the right people together to begin this ministry.

Estimates of Americans living along the Gulf Coast vary up to 4,000 from some 40 different tribes.

Harjo said his Christian experience came through a time his oldest son (of two) got into trouble with the law. "The police knocked on my door," said Harjo, "and said he was in jail for stealing a motorcycle." Harjo added that his son already had a motorcycle.

When he saw his son in jail, the youth told him, "Dad, you don't love me."

That affected Harjo, he recalled. "All the time I thought I was supplying all he needed. Then I realized it was Christian love he was talking about."

Harjo knew his wife Claudette had been praying for him for some time and made a profession of faith. The son, Cloyd, Jr., made a turn around in his life later. Now he's a minister at Honor Heights Baptist Church in Joplin, Mo. Harjo's younger son, Lincoln, 13, lives with his parents in Pascagoula.

FMB Elects Parks Executive Director

(Continued from page 1)

work in the Semarang area.

From January 1964 until July 1965 he served as an associate secretary in the board's Missionary Personnel Department, working primarily with missionary candidates from the western United States. Upon return to the field he was mission treasurer in Djakarta, Java, until elected secretary for Southeast Asia.

The three youngest of the couple's four children were born in Indonesia. Their eldest, Randall, now married and working on a doctor of philosophy at Southwestern Seminary, is pastor of the Red Springs, Texas, Baptist church, where his father served in his first pastorate.

Kent, also a preacher, graduated in May from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and will enter Southwestern Seminary this fall. Eloise will enroll in Hardin-Simmons this year as a freshman. Stanley will be a junior in high school in Richmond.

In recent years Parks has represented the Foreign Mission Board on a number of committees to implement Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust goals for sharing the gospel with all people of the world by the end of this century.

He has been a member of the Bold Mission Thrust Steering Committee and also has served with the administrative group to promote missions through the Missions Education Council.

Baptists To Participate In Conference For Deaf

Mississippi Baptists are participating in a statewide conference for the deaf, their teachers, and parents of deaf children, plus professionals who work with deaf persons.

Baptists are among 14 sponsors of the meeting set for Aug. 27-30 at the Holiday Inn North in Jackson, Miss. Other sponsors include Catholic, Lutheran and Pentecostal organizations for the deaf, plus such groups as the Mississippi Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the Mississippi Association of the Deaf, and the Special Education Department of the State Department of Education.

Richard Alford, consultant for deaf

work with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will have a booth at the conference and Bob Parrish of the Arkansas Baptist Convention will lead sessions on religious interpreting.

The program offers one semester hour of graduate credit with the University of Mississippi.

For further information, contact Marianne Deer or Gil Magee, with the Mississippi School for the Deaf. Phone (601) 366-7154.

Cincinnati (EP) — A task force assigned to study the question of ordaining homosexuals in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has recommended that the resolution of such matters remain the responsibility of regional units of the 1.3-million-member denomination. The task force at the same time expressed the opinion that the ordination of practicing homosexuals would not be "in accord with God's will for the Church."

R-TV Presidential Post Has 46 Nominees

By Toby Druin

Baptist Standard

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — The chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission trustees said that 46 men — 36 ministers and 10 laymen — have been recommended for the presidency of the agency.

But Fred W. Isaacs Jr. of Cosby, Tenn., said the trustees are in "no particular rush" to find a successor to Paul M. Stevens. They will concentrate first on setting programming goals for the agency, he said, and then find a man to carry them out rather than hire a president first and then establish programming priorities.

He said they hoped to have a president before next year's Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis.

Stevens, who had directed the commission since 1953, stepped down from administrative control last February after trustees questioned programming and management practices and retirement policies. Harold D. Martin, executive vice president, was named chief administrative officer.

Isaacs said "three or four" of the trustees would meet soon with some of the commission's administrative staff to consider programming goals and to prepare budget requests for the meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in September.

The commission administrative staff, headed by Martin, has drafted a list of about 50 questions for the trustees to consider in charting the commission's future and they will be studied during the meeting.

Since assuming control of the commission in February, Martin has been leading in a reorganization effort and several long-time commission employees have left, and the responsibilities of others have been changed.

James Holcomb, vice president for support services, left in April after 22 years with the commission. Martin said Holcomb's job, which had dealt largely with community relations, was no longer needed.

A few other lower echelon employees have also left because of changes made, positions eliminated, or responsibilities shifted.

Truett Myers, a senior vice president of the commission, was the latest to announce he has taken early retirement. Myers, 58, who has been with the commission 22 years, said, "I asked for early retirement and got it."

Claud O'Shields, 64, the commission's field representative for the southeast in Wilmington, N. C., also went on early retirement, effective June 30, with salary paid until his 65th birthday in March 1980. The commission, which announced it would probably reopen a field office in Atlanta,

gave ill health as the reason for O'Shields' retirement.

O'Shields, however, has disputed the report that his ill health — high blood pressure requiring a daily check — was enough for him to retire early.

Martin said there has been no purge of employees considered close to Stevens. "Some changes always occur when new management comes in," he said. He said, however, that some negative feeling no doubt was present — especially among those who had left.

Martin, 55, said he did not know if he would accept the commission presidency if it were offered to him. The former Pulitzer Prize winner who came to the commission last fall after a distinguished newspaper career in Alabama, said it would depend on goals established by the trustees.

"On the other side, we have about 19 department heads who are as happy as they can be," he said. "Morale is good. Ask them."

To date, he said, the 46 recommendations for a successor include 24 pastors, four senior management persons in the radio and television industry, four from the Foreign Mission Board's staff or missionary force, three seminary administrators, two from the Home Mission Board staff, three from the Sunday School Board staff, two in business/management, two Baptist university presidents, one state paper editor, one Radio and Television Commission executive and one now in newspaper management.

Deaf Ministry Program Planned For Boyce School

Boyce Bible School, a division of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, plans to initiate a program of training for the deaf to begin this fall.

"We have surveyed the field and there appears to be a need for training the deaf. In fact, the need appears to be great," said Boyce director David Q. Byrd.

A minimum of five deaf students is needed before Boyce's program can be implemented, Byrd said. During the program's initial phase, the hearing-impaired will be placed in the same classes with hearing students and teachers.

Lectures and class discussions will be "signed" by an interpreter. Hearing-impaired class members also may participate in class discussions through this interpreter.

SENIOR ADULT PASSION PLAY TOUR

• Hot Springs • Eureka Springs • Branson

September 17-22

For information contact Kermit S. King, Consultant, Senior Adult Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, telephone 354-3704.

September, October Tours Set For Senior Adults

Two tours for senior adults have been scheduled in September and October as a part of the program of Senior Adult Ministries.

The October tour to the Senior Adult Chautauqua at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina is now filled, according to Kermit King of the state Convention Board, but people are still being accepted as part of a waiting list in the event of cancellations.

The September 17-22 tour which was planned primarily to allow senior adults to view the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, still has a few vacancies.

The Passion Play tour will include an overnight stay in Hot Springs, Ark., a day and a half in Branson, Mo., locale of the outdoor drama, "Shepherd of the Hills" and the Silver Dollar city; plus three days in Eureka Springs where the Great Passion Play is presented.

Silver Dollar City includes more

than 30 pioneer crafts, rides, and mountain music. This tour will take place during their fall National Crafts Festival.

The Senior Adult Chautauqua is a special program planned by the Senior Adult Section of the Family Life Ministries Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to King, many churches in Mississippi have the capability of planning their own tours and in most instances subsidize the costs for their senior adults. However, there are senior adults in smaller churches which either cannot or do not plan such activities. It is primarily for senior adults in these latter churches that the tours are planned even though senior adults in the larger churches are welcomed.

Church leaders needing information about the tours or about organizing a ministry for senior adults in their churches should contact King at the Baptist Building.

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"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions" (Matt. 6:7).

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Editorials

Language Missions . . .

A Stay-at-Home Ministry

Space in this issue has been given to a language mission emphasis to call attention to the ministry of language missions work in Mississippi. It has been said that 70,000 people in our state come from a background that springs from a culture that speaks a language other than English as their primary means of conversation.

Mississippi Baptists are seeking to witness to them in as many ways as we can find it make it effective. And we also seek to provide a witness for the many sailors who come to our ports

from other nations around the world. The sailors come speaking many languages. Paul Vandercook, who is language missions director for the two associations along the coast, the Gulf Coast and the Jackson associations, oversees the witness to these people. The state director of language missions work is Richard Alford, consultant in language missions for the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He works with Spanish-speaking and Chinese-speaking people as well as the deaf.

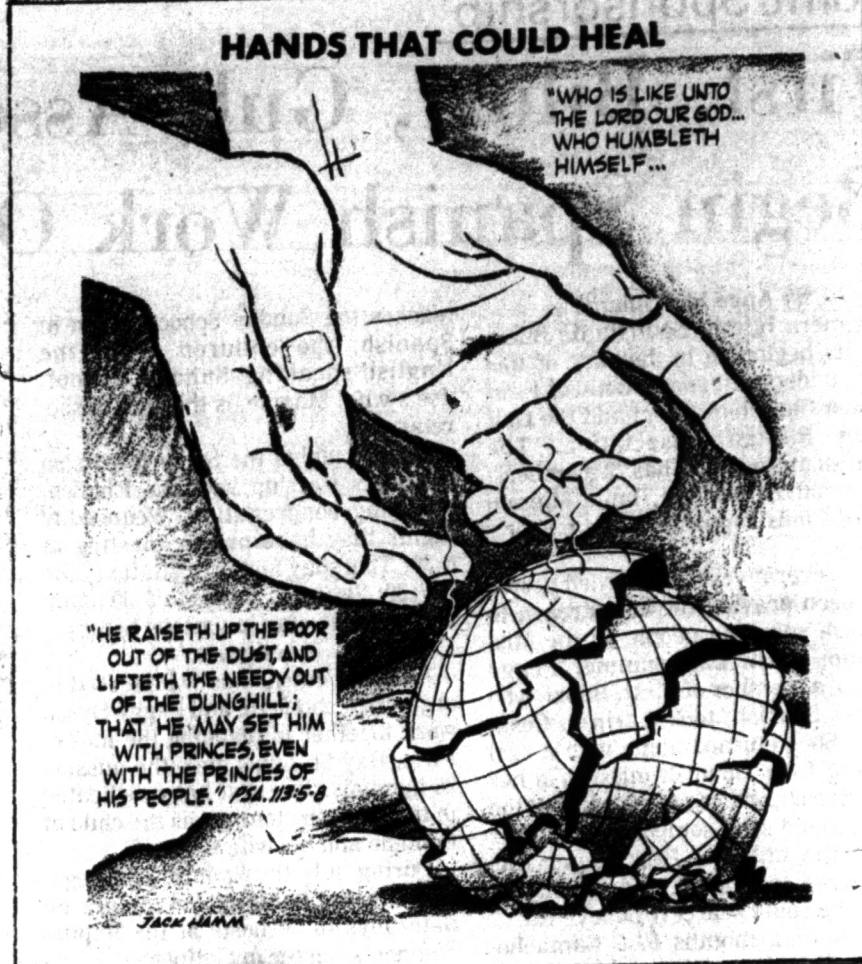
Another language missions group in our state is the Indian population. Mainly it is located in two areas. A good-sized body of Choctaw Indians live near Edinburg and in the surrounding area. Dolton Haggan works with this group. Also near Pascagoula live Indians from a number of different tribal backgrounds. Vandercook works with this group.

One can see that not only do we have a commission to carry the Word of life to as many people all over the globe as we possibly can, but we have many

thousands of people of various backgrounds living right here among us. We can do no less for them than we do for those of their same culture who may be located in a faraway place. Indeed, we should do more. They are here.

We can only send our money to the faraway places. We can send ourselves to another city in Mississippi—or it might take just a drive down the street.

Richard and Dolton and Paul can use the help they can get.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Carmen

Mississippi Youth Night . . .

A Life-Changing Opportunity

Two of Southern Baptists' best-known speakers will be presenting messages during Youth Night Aug. 17 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

They are Jerry Clower, a star of The Grand Ole Opry, and Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The annual Youth Night for Mississippi Baptists has become the biggest meeting of the year. Each year upwards of 10,000 young people come from all over the state to attend the gathering, and this year is expected to be no exception, according to Larry Salter, consultant for youth in the Sun-

day School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Salter is chairman of the committee charged with putting the Youth Night together.

Clower, a resident of Yazoo City, has gained nation-wide fame with his stories about his youth in Amite County. He played football at Mississippi State University and was on the sales staff for Mississippi Chemicals Company before he entered show business. He maintains his home in Yazoo City and is a member of First Baptist Church there.

Pollard is a native of Texas and has been pastor of Mississippi's largest

Baptist church for about 6 years. He has captured nationwide acclaim as speaker on the "Baptist Hour" for the Radio and Television Commission and on the "At Home With the Bible" program for the Sunday School Board.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The organist for the evening will be Sammy Polk of Prentiss. Alicia Gatewood of Forest will be the pianist. Special music will be furnished by Don Francisco of Nashville, Tenn., and Gary Floyd of Conroe, Texas.

Also to be featured on the program will be John and Viccijo Witty. They are character performers who weave

spiritual truths into comedy.

Pastors, parents, there is no determining the good that might come from your young people attending this meeting. Maybe the blessing that is to be had will be missed by your young person, but the risk of such is well worth the blessing that is more likely to be found. Truly, it may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear such a program as this. Don't let them miss it.

The magic that may be captured in a brief instant can turn lives around. This is exposure that should not be neglected.

Because next Sunday, August 12, is Language Missions Day in the SBC, I think this is a good week to introduce you to Carmen. She is the wife of Eliu Camacho-Vazquez, missionary to the Spanish-speaking in Gulf Coast Association and pastor of the Spanish congregation at First Church, Biloxi.

When I met her in Gulfport last winter, the dark-haired beauty was seated at my right. At a party for Seamen's Center volunteers we were eating Indian curry. "In Puerto Rico," she said, "where I was born, practically everything we cook begins with sofrito."

"Sofrito," I tried the word. "What's that?"

"You add it to stews," she explained, "like stewed meats or stewed beans, or with rice and pigeon peas."

She added, "My two sisters were older than I, and my mother taught them to cook. She didn't teach me, but I learned by observing them."

Her husband assured me that Carmen is a good cook.

Her recipe for sofrito: 1 small onion; 1 clove garlic; 2 Tb. lard with annatto coloring; olives and capers; a small piece of pork; a small piece of ham (two inch cube); tomato sauce; small green peppers. Heat the lard. Add ham and pork. Sauté a little, till partly cooked. Add minced garlic, chopped onions and green peppers. Sauté. Add tomato sauce, olives, and capers. Sauté for a little while. Add to your stew.

Carmen collects recipe books. Besides that, she's been collecting materials to publish a book of her own, with favorite Puerto Rican recipes, perhaps mingled with testimonies of Spanish-speaking Christians. I can hardly wait until it comes off the press.

Her bread pudding recipe sounds extra special: One loaf of sandwich bread; a can of evaporated milk; 1 cup sugar; 2 eggs; 1 cup of regular milk; raisins (condensed milk can be used instead of evaporated; if so, omit the sugar). Break the bread into bits. Add other ingredients. Use mixer to beat until it looks like cake batter. Caramelize a little sugar in the pan you plan to bake the pudding in. Then pour the mixture into the pan, over the caramelized sugar. Place in 400 degree oven and cook for about an hour. Turn out like a cake. Pineapple or almonds can be added before baking if desired.

On July 22, I visited the Spanish church in Biloxi (see story on p. 3) I heard Eliu preach, in Spanish, and heard him sing a duet with Carmen: "It Is Well With My Soul." I met their three children, Eliu, Jr., Dorcas, and Abigail.



The scene behind Carmen is one from her native Puerto Rico.

It happened to be the couple's wedding anniversary, so I went with them to celebrate at the Bonanza, along with their children, his nephew, and some of the church members. Afterward at their new home, 19 Joanna Lane, Gulfport, Carmen served Spanish coffee, with lots of hot milk.

Both Eliu and Carmen were born in Puerto Rico, she at Santurce and he at Yauca. Both grew up in Baptist families, she the youngest of four Rodriguez children, and he the youngest of a family of 12. His oldest brother and his father are pastors; the latter has retired.

They first met in New York while she was working there in a bank and after he had joined the army.

Last year he retired from the army with the rank of major. Since their marriage they have lived in Dominican Republic, Panama, Germany, Puerto Rico, Maryland, Mississippi, Florida, and New York.

Carmen said, "Deep down I always wanted to do mission work. I really like to work with GAs. I wanted to marry a minister, so when I married Eliu, I thought, 'What am I doing, marrying a military man?' But the Lord knew what He was doing!"

All the time he was in the Army, Eliu was active in mission work, wherever he happened to be stationed. On December 5, 1978, in Orlando, Fla. he was ordained as a minister, and a few weeks later he and Carmen moved to the Mississippi coast. He was pastor of missions in Georgia and the canal zone.

What The Cooperative Program Means

By Billy R. Thomas, Pastor
Immanuel Baptist Church
Natchez

I believe with all my heart that the providence of God embraces the Cooperative Program. It has been an instrument through which God has brought countless numbers of people to Himself through Jesus Christ.

The Cooperative Program is a way that my church, Immanuel Baptist Church of Natchez, can share the Gospel with all people everywhere. I believe it was born out of the heart of God and is the most effective way in which the local church can help evangelize the world.

Earl Kelly
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Letters To The Editor

Need in Montana

Editor:

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support these past four years that we have been in Conrad, Montana. Our Lord has heard your prayers and has blessed in a wonderful way.

We have baptized over 30 people, most of them adults, in the last year. We are in need for additional Sunday School space and a larger auditorium. By fall we hope to have 100 in Sunday School and 150 in the worship hour.

On our present property we can add a 30 x 35 ft. building to our present structure. In this we would have a basement, main floor for an extended auditorium, and a second floor for classrooms and office space. We voted July 23 to start such a building with faith that God will supply our needs.

We need help to pay for such a building project. Our people want to do most of the work themselves, and we will raise a good part of the needed money.

Now if the people of Mississippi could see the need and could help us, we would like to build a building with the present building to seat 250 in the worship hour and 200 in Sunday School.

We feel that God will help us through you if you will pray and find His will.

Donnie E. Bond, Pastor
First Baptist Church
P. O. Box 957
Conrad, MT 59425

Donnie Bond is a Mississippian and a former Mississippi pastor.—Editor

Proud of Baptist Record

Editor:

I enjoy The Baptist Record so much that I want to be sure you have my change of address. I am not living in Onitsha but at the address below. Thank you for making the necessary changes.

I am quite proud of our Mississippi Baptist paper and appreciate all you do in making it such a good one.

Sincerely,
Emogene Harris
Baptist Mission
Box 424
Enugu, Nigeria

Response From Simpson

Editor:

The following is a report from Simpson County in responding to the flood victims needs.

Simpson Baptists have responded in a household needs. Nine churches have families in Simpson County affected by the Easter flood. The Missions Committee met April 21 and organized a program in which everyone could be a part in helping the families. As of this date 20 families have received help through the clothes closet at the Simpson Baptist Association Center. Money in excess of \$3,000 has been donated to help purchase material and house hold needs. Nine churches have adopted families to help provide physical needs to the family. All work and expenditures are being coordinated by the Baptist Missions Committee,

Hueston Adkins; chairman.

The Senior Volunteers from Simpson County furnished 500 meals to the flood victims. Mrs. Pauline Magee is the Director.

I trust this gives you some information in regard to the response of Simpson Baptist. Thank you for the interest you have shown to our needs.

H. Glen Schilling
Director of Missions
Simpson Association

The List Of MKs

Editor:

Thank you so much for printing the birthdates and schools of the Margaret Fund Students (MKs) currently in Mississippi. We hope this will be a regular feature of this very fine newspaper as we would like to send cards and pray for them on their special day.

My husband is in the Air Force and in our many years of travel it has been our privilege to meet many of them and/or their parents. Also we have met other MKs through our two older children, who now attend Mississippi College. We welcome this means of keeping in touch and expressing our love to these young people so far from their parents and homes.

Also let me express our appreciation to all those associated with The Baptist Record. It has meant so much to us; a link with our Mississippi Baptist friends for the past 20 years.

Elizabeth Ashton Young
(Mrs. William E. Young)
Gulfport, MS

Missions Help Appreciated

Editor:

Thank you for the article in the June 7 issue sharing with our friends in Mississippi the news about our Eastview Baptist Church, Franklin, Ohio, dedicating the new sanctuary/basement building. To many readers this article was newsworthy only because the pastor is a native of Jackson and alumnus of Mississippi College—else why an article about a building in Ohio?

The real "why" such article is newsworthy is that this Ohio church (and its building and pastor) is an example of the continuing missionary work and concern of the First Baptist Church, Jackson.

In 1960 the First Baptist Church joined with the Home Mission Board in supporting the pastor's coming to Ohio to serve as mission pastor at Eastview Mission. For these 19 years First Baptist Church has continued to send pastoral support, financial assistance to the church on special occasions, personnel from the church staff to lead in preaching/singing for revival, contributions of hymnals and other music materials, and funds to help build the new building.

All of this mission support to one small church in Ohio while joining Mississippi Baptists in mission work in Montana and elsewhere—from First Baptist Church.

I believe the people who read and enjoy The Baptist Record, as we do here in Ohio, would want to know of the mission faithfulness of this great Mississippi church. They would join me in grateful pride for such a church. I am grateful to God for His work being

done here by the help of First Baptist Church. I am proud to claim such a loving church as "my home church."

G. Carroll Starkey, Jr.
Pastor
Eastview Baptist Church
Franklin, Ohio

Where The Preacher Lives

Editor:

I quite agree with Mrs. Morgan concerning the word, *pastorium*. The home where the minister lives in the parsonage. I looked "*pastorium*" up in the Oxford English Dictionary and failed to find such a word.

Mable Little
Utica

Editor:

I was glad to see Mrs. Morgan's letter about the word *pastorium*. I, too, have never liked this made-up word; and every time I would see it in print, it would irritate me. Please see that your writers get the message.

Raymond Johnson
Jackson

I must admit that I was raised in a parsonage in West Texas; but I must also insist that the dictionary has determined that *pastorium* is a proper word, particularly among Baptists in the South. Personally, I hardly had heard the word until I came to Mississippi.—Editor

Stamps For Hunger

Editor:

In Louisville, Ky., Miss Lilamni Perera of Sri Lanka (Ceylon), has founded the "Food for Stamps" Program. This program collects worldwide USED POSTAGE STAMPS which are sold, and the money is used in the Salvation Army Children's Feeding Program. Over \$6,000 has been raised thus far in this program. Every \$1 serves 10 plates of food to undernourished Bangladesh children.

This is such a worthwhile endeavor which takes very little time and no expense to people who care about world hunger. I hope everyone who reads this will begin saving used postage stamps. This is a PERMANENT program.

Approximately one-quarter inch of the envelope should remain affixed to the stamps, but stamps removed from the paper are acceptable. It is helpful to separate foreign stamps from U. S. stamps. These can be mailed directly to Miss Lilamni Perera, c/o the Salvation Army, P. O. Box 2040, Louisville, Kentucky 40201. A receipt will be mailed upon request and with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Betty Axtell
Clinton

Appreciation In Jackson

Editor:

We wish to take this opportunity to express our praise to the Lord and our appreciation to all of you for the love offerings, workers who have come to assist, and the churches and food that have been sent to Northeast Jackson since the Easter flood. The response has been overwhelming and we are grateful to God for the Christian love that has been shown.

Book Reviews

BAPTIST TRADE WINDS by William W. Graves (Convention Press, 111 pp., paper) The 1979 Foreign Mission Graded Series is about missions in the Caribbean. *Baptist Trade Winds*, the adult book in the series, is an overview of Baptist church growth in that area. It provides insight into the ways Southern Baptist missionaries begin new work and how they support local church leaders as together they seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in church planting. The author, W. W. Graves, was missionary in Argentina before he was appointed field representative for the Caribbean area. His wife, Christine, is author of the Graded Series book, *Rainbow Island*, for younger children.

JEWELS OF THE SEA (90 pages, paper) by Mary Love, missionary to Guyana, is the book in the same series, for youth. It tells what happens when young people from various cultures and nationalities in the Caribbean meet to witness and to share their Christian experiences. Two for the Show by Elaine Herrin is for older children and *Ching Fu and Jim* by Frances Tunnell Carter is for older preschool children.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS by W. J. Fallis (Broadman, paper, 222 pp.) This is the only pocket-size annual Sunday School commentary on the International Uniform Lessons. First published in 1917, it was written by Hight C. Moore for 36 years, then by Clifton J. Allen for 21 years; this is the sixth volume by Fallis. Its convenient

size and concise treatment of the Bible lessons have helped give it nationwide popularity.

EVANGELICAL ROOTS edited by Kenneth Kantzer (Thomas Nelson, 250 pp., \$8.95) The title byline reads "A Tribute to Wilbur Smith." Smith was one of the most influential conservative Bible scholars of this generation, long a theological professor and Bible teacher, and author of many books. The book is 17 chapters by that number of conservative scholars, and is divided into five parts. 1. Introduction, with tribute to Dr. Smith. 2. Evangelical History, presenting the history of the evangelical movement in the U.S. 3. In Defense of the Faith, giving reasons for the evangelical conservative view of the Bible. 4. The use of the Bible. 5. The message of the Bible and its demands. These are splendid studies of the Bible and its message. Dr. Kantzer is editor of Christianity Today.

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Rain At Garaywa Won't Stop Activity

A week of GA camp at Garaywa can be fun and exciting no matter what the weather. Afternoon showers, which are so famous in Mississippi, may put a damper on outside activities like swimming and basketball, but the camp staff is creative enough to make staying indoors exciting too.

The 28 staff members have hosted 1,526 GAs and Acteens this summer in six weeks of GA camps and two weeks of Acteen camps. Both home and foreign missionaries have been at

Garaywa each week for mission study, according to Becky Briscoe, camp director. Mission offering was taken each week, with a total amount of \$2,233 given during the eight weeks.

"We've had a good summer," says Miss Briscoe. "It was my first summer as camp director and it was quite an experience. Having a good staff to work with helped a lot. I'm already planning and looking forward to next summer."

(Photos by Anita G. McGraw)



GAs take a break between activities.



Leather craft is popular at GA camp at Garaywa.



Exercising to music is a good way to burn energy on a rainy afternoon at camp.

Irregularity Report Planned

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Asked about the progress of the investigation, Porter said, "I'm trying to conduct it with the highest integrity and not release information piecemeal. It would be extremely premature at this time to report any findings or draw any conclusions."

"If any one has information of registration or voting irregularities," Porter said, "they may write me so that I can use that information in compiling my report." His address is MSN 175, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

During the convention there were allegations of churches with more messengers than allowed, some double re-

gistration, multiple voting of ballots by individuals, and individuals registering for groups of people.

At the present time, the SBC constitution and bylaws are unclear as to whether messengers may register or cast ballots for other legally constituted messengers. But it is clear that only legally elected messengers, who are members of the church by which they are elected, may register and vote. No provision exists for alternate messengers to either register or vote.

Bill Includes Church Lobby

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disclose contributors of over \$3,000 as would other lobbying organizations.

A Chiles staffer told Baptist Press that churches are excluded from the disclosure of large contributors because of "First Amendment problems." The First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution guarantees that the government will neither establish nor inhibit religion.

Attempts in the last Congress to push a lobby disclosure bill through failed in the Senate though the House of Representatives passed such a measure. Observers in the Senate feel the Chiles bill has a chance of success because his low budget campaigns have not tied him to big lobbyists. He is also regarded as an advocate of "open government."

Ohio Baptists Elect Bonham

Tal Bonham, director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, has been elected executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

He will succeed Ray E. Roberts who will retire after 25 years as Ohio Baptists' chief executive.

A native of Oklahoma, Bonham is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and earned Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

Bonham has served in the Oklahoma convention position since 1973, moving there from the pastorate of South Side Church, Pine Bluff, Ark. (BP) photo.

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Names In The News



DR. JOHN JACOBS, former faculty member at Clarke College, recently presented a copy of his musical composition "What He Did One Day" to the college. Jacobs, who, along with his wife, Jean, will be serving with the Foreign Mission Board on the island of Trinidad, requests that proceeds from the sale of his music be placed into a special scholarship fund.

Allen Parnell, director of development at Clarke, accepted the official copy from Jacobs (above photo) and may be contacted by those wishing to purchase copies of the composition.

Jerry D. Terrell, a McComb native, has been named design and process specialist in the Sunday School Board's Bible teaching division, according to Robert G. Fulbright, division director. He was to assume his new responsibilities August 1.

Fulbright said Terrell will assist him in the total planning and utilization of the division's annual budget of \$30 million, approximately one-third of the board's total budget. He will also serve as a value analyst and study ways to cut production and operational costs.

Terrell, 38, came to the board in 1977 from Plymouth Park Baptist Church, Irving, Texas, where he had served for five years as minister of childhood education. Earlier, he was minister of education at Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, for three years.

Terrell, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is married to the former Mary Dykes. They are the parents of three sons, Rex, Jeffery and Timothy.

agency.

The 16-member commission acts as a liaison between the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. in matters relating to the American Baptist Theological Seminary, a predominantly black Nashville school.

Five Mississippians were selected to sing with the "Baptist Festival Singers" in their 1979 summer concert tour. They are Allyson Jo Barker-Jackson, Donny Scoggins-Ellisville, Donna Welch-Ocean Springs, Joel Edlin-Clarksdale, and Laura Wiggington-Clarksdale.

The group, composed of high school and college students ages 15-24, visited Southern Baptist missionaries and mission points in their tour of Europe, which included England, France, and Switzerland.

Charles R. Farmer, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church (Alcorn), has been selected to be listed in the 1979-80 edition of "Personalities of the South." Selections are made on the basis of the educational, civic, and professional achievements of each individual.

Farmer, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, holds the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also done work toward a doctor of ministry degree at New Orleans.

Margaret F. Bryan, a Nashville realtor, was elected chairman of the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary at its annual meeting in Nashville. She is the first woman to hold the highest elected position of any Southern Baptist Convention board or

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TAMI STRINGER (left) discusses her new roles as Baptist Student Union president at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center with Kathy Bearden, BSU director. Tami, a radiology student at MBMC, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stringer of Foxworth, Miss. She will be coordinating all BSU activities and programs at the medical center for the 1979-80 school term.

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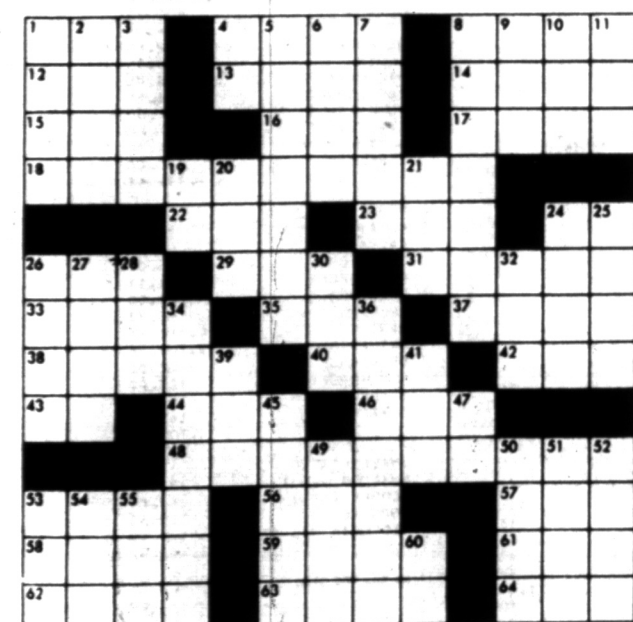
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- 1 "coat was without —" (John 19)
- 2 "for they prophesy — unto you" (Jer. 27)
- 3 Time gone by
- 4 Chinese unit of distance
- 5 "and of —" (Acts 4)
- 6 Network
- 7 Bargains
- 8 Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 1:1; 2 words)
- 9 Macaw genus
- 10 Meat
- 11 Gums
- 19 Exclamation
- 20 Expression of disgust
- 21 Given to Lot's children (Deut. 2:9; poss.)
- 24 Apostle (Col. 1:1)
- 25 Remove scum
- 26 Being
- 27 Menu item
- 28 Diminutive of Rachel
- 30 Fish eggs
- 32 Season in Caen
- 34 "before many —" (Rev. 10)
- 36 "Jesus took him by —" (Mark 9)
- 39 The lot (Esth. 3:7)
- 41 Frost
- 45 Man (1 Chron. 4:29)
- 47 Technetium: symbol
- 49 After Hello or Mille
- 50 Pagan's god
- 51 — weed
- 52 Sower's need
- 53 Perform
- 54 Girl's name
- 55 Biblical verb
- 60 Direction: abbr.

ACROSS

- 1 "full of —" (Psa. 104)
- 4 Their strength (Psa. 28:8)
- 8 Hawaiian island
- 12 High note
- 13 Arrow poison
- 14 Russian river
- 15 Joshua took it (Josh. 10:1; poss.)
- 16 Greek letter
- 17 "In — was there a voice" (Matt. 2)
- 18 Old one (Gen. 5:27)
- 22 Past
- 23 Sign of a hit
- 24 Letter addition: abbr.
- 26 "caused Egypt to —" (Isa. 19)
- 29 Aaron's partner (Ex. 17:12)
- 31 "and — evil of dignities" (Jude)
- 33 Cleansing agent
- 35 He was delivered (2 Pet. 2:7)
- 37 Small case
- 38 Slumber
- 40 Son of Benjamin (Gen. 46:41)
- 42 Tree
- 43 Train, of a kind
- 44 Not in
- 46 External: comb. form
- 48 They shall fail (1 Cor. 13:8)
- 53 Son of Helem (1 Chron. 7:35)
- 56 Worm genus
- 57 Female deer
- 58 "and the — of this world" (Matt. 13)
- 59 Alders
- 61 Madrid cheer
- 62 Oriental holidays
- 63 Ornamental molding

CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: E equals Y

(Puzzle answers on page 3)

Annie Armstrong Offering Reaches Total of \$794,132.15

The gifts to Home Missions Week of Prayer are listed through July 31 with 1268 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$794,132.15.

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Broadcast Deregulation Dead For This Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — Attempts to decontrol the broadcasting industry appear to be dead for this Congress, according to a report in the Washington Star.

A comprehensive measure totally revamping the 1934 Communications Act was to have been acted on by the House Commerce Subcommittee on Communications. The bill would have affected not only radio and television but also the telephone industry.

Lionel van Deerlin, D-Cal., sponsor of the sweeping and controversial legislation, has acknowledged that "intense political opposition" to the broadcast portions of the bill has killed any chance of moving it this year.

well as other church groups, testified against a similar measure during hearings in the last Congress and in the Senate this year.

Van Deerlin said that the subcommittee will concentrate on amending, rather than rewriting, the existing law. He hopes to amend the act's sections dealing with regulation of the telephone industry to "avert chaos."

The broadcast sections of the proposal would have immediately ended federal regulation of radio and would have phased out most aspects of television regulation within 10 years. Licenses would have been made permanent and the equal-time provisions and the fairness doctrine would have been eliminated.

Newsbriefs

Kansas City, Mo. (RNS) — Pollster George Gallup reported here that one person in four now says an alcohol-related problem has adversely affected his or her family life, compared with less than half that figure in 1974.

Addressing a luncheon of the Alcohol Information and Action Network, held in conjunction with the United Presbyterian Church's General Assembly, Dr. Gallup said that "all of our surveys on the subject of drinking and drug dependence point to the inevitable conclusion that alcohol abuse — already our number two health problem — is growing in seriousness."

Bangalore, India — The community health team of the Baptist Hospital in Bangalore has begun a formal training program for village health workers. Village health workers are residents in

the villages who hand out simple medication and take care of minor medical problems between regular team visits. They will begin to make preliminary diagnoses of tuberculosis, malaria and leprosy and will teach prenatal and maternity care.

Winona Lake — "Christiana," a feature motion picture based on the second part of John Bunyan's immortal classic *Pilgrim's Progress*, has just been released by Ken Anderson Films, Winona Lake, Indiana. It follows the release one year ago of a motion picture adaptation of the book's first part. The eighty-minute color presentation was filmed in Northern Ireland and is available from audio visual distributors across North America.

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G. EDWARD LUDLOW, associate professor of organ and church music at BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE, recently conducted workshops for church organists at Springdale Baptist Church, Ripley and West Jackson Street Baptist Church, Tupelo. The workshops, which were for both professional church musicians and part-time or volunteer organists, presented music and technique appropriate for use in church services.

Nine Mississippians received degrees recently from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla., according to C. Michael Warr, the school's director of Alumni Affairs.

Doctoral graduates from Mississippi are D. W. Green, Edwards; David E. Hall, Plantersville; John C. Hilburn, Jackson; Armond D. Taylor, Olive Branch; and Manuel Weeks, Grenada.

Those receiving master's degrees are John M. Adams, Jr., Laurel; Clarence Cooper, Jr., Vardaman; Raymond L. Glover, Verona; and Thomas M. Vinson, Corinth.

Darlove Church, Darlove will observe homecoming day August 12. John West of Newton will bring morning message; Charles Laws of Greenville will preach at 2 p.m. Dinner will be served at the church. Eugene Wigley, pastor.

Missionary News

Emogene Harris, missionary to Nigeria, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 424, Enugu, Nigeria). A native of Johns, Miss., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Miller, missionaries to the Philippines, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Dr. C. P. Ethridge, 304 Culley Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39206). He is a native of Fort Myers, Fla., and she is the former Roberta Ely of Endeavor, Wis. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.

S. Payton and Helen G. Myers, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Box 329, West Point, Miss. 39773). Both are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Hazlehurst and grew up in Jackson; she is the former Helen Green of Prentiss. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963, he was pastor of Siloam Baptist Church, West Point, Miss.

Donald H. and Jo Redmon, missionaries to Costa Rica, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 322 College Ave., Panama City, Fla. 32401). He is a native of Panama City, Fla.; she is the former Jo Eubanks of Pontotoc County, Miss. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963, he was pastor of Hardy (Miss.) Baptist Church.

1st, Calhoun City Meets "Annie" In Michigan

First Baptist Church of Calhoun City is one place where Annie Armstrong is more than just a name on an envelope. Twenty-nine young people and adults returned July 13th from a twelve day mission to the "thumb" area of Michigan.

Using the town of Crosswell as a base of operations, they stayed in Trinity Baptist Chapel. The chapel is a new mission church and has been pastored by Rev. Bill Miller since last December.

The primary function of the group was to conduct Backyard Bible Clubs, but they also spent many hours canvassing and furnishing music for two revival services. The five teams led by Peggy Dudley, Ruth Hudson, Syble Morgan, David Oliver and Mary Lynn Perkins served five different towns: Sandusky (where the group led music and served as the choir for a revival held by a mission church), Lexington, Port Sanilac, Peck and Appleton. Since the towns were several miles from Crosswell, each group took an ice chest which contained their lunches, as well as drinks and snacks for the children.

After the Bible Club sessions and lunch, each group participated in a "pilot" project for the Michigan Baptist Mission Board in which they canvassed the towns and attempted to register people in the Sunday School Board's new Home Bible Study. Fol-

B. J. Thomas, a popular singer who recently gave up drugs and became a Christian, will appear in concert August 23rd at 8 p.m. on the campus of Mississippi Delta Junior College. The concert, sponsored by the Baptist Union, will be held in the MDJC Coliseum. Tickets may be purchased at the business office at the school or from the BSU.



RIDGECREST CHURCH (LEBANON) held special services June 10 to celebrate completion of its Bond Program. Members participating in the ceremony are (left to right) Ben Davis, Cecil Cooley, Odell Tebo, pastor, Theodore Extene, and W. B. Wooten.

Church Involvement Is Key To Missions

Adopting a Southern Baptist Mission in South Dakota is no small undertaking. But First Baptist Church Clinton didn't expect it to be easy.

According to activities director Glenn Shows, the church "wanted to become totally involved in missions — using every member." That was the main objective when FBC first contacted the Home Mission Board about their "adoption" plans.

"We wanted to find a church in an area that needed Southern Baptist witness — a church that was willing to extend, but was not financially able to do it," said Shows.

Through contact with the Home Mission Board, First, Clinton, was put in touch with the Watertown Baptist Church, Watertown, South Dakota. The church, under the leadership of pastor Les Arnold, was interested in starting a mission in the nearby town of Clark. With only 75 members, the Watertown Church could not support the mission work. That's where First Church, Clinton stepped in.

The first step was to vote for and allot monies to send to the mission for funding Bible studies and other projects.

Next, an entire program of bold mission thrusts evolved. The first phase took place in March when eight college students and adults traveled to South Dakota to survey the town of Clark. The first Southern Baptist meeting in the town took place on March 22 as a result of the survey, with ten people attending. Leading in the meeting was Gene Hendrix, minister of education and Glenn Shows, minister of activities, both of FBC, Clinton. A regular Friday night Bible study was started, with Watertown's pastor, Les Arnold, leading.

In May, Bill Baker, pastor, Bill Bacon, minister of music, and layman Ed Willis went to the area to conduct revivals for the Watertown Church and the mission. On Sunday, May 20, dedication services were held for the Watertown Church.

The third phase of the project took place July 11-21 as a group of 28 senior high school youth from FBC, Clinton, traveled to Watertown and Clark to conduct Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs. Other activities included youth rallies, puppet shows, drama presentations, and music prog-

BRIAN L. HARBOUR, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., has completed a book, FAMOUS COUPLES OF THE BIBLE. Published by Broadman Press, Harbour's book relates Biblical couples and their marriages to married life today. Harbour formerly served as pastor of Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson.

rams. Because of the versatility of the presentations, the group was allowed to perform in a mall where religious groups has not been allowed previously.

Another expedition to South Dakota had been scheduled for August. The emphasis for this trip was to have been building construction and development of adult programs. Because of a change in church leadership at Watertown, the project has been postponed. But First Baptist Church, Clinton, is continuing an ongoing supportive role with the Watertown and Clark churches. Money, designated to help the mission at Clark, is sent every month. Mission groups at FBC are sending study materials to be used at the mission. And plans are continuing for more trips to the area.

For First Baptist Church, Clinton, this bold mission project has been rewarding. "We really are seeing a great deal of involvement of our entire church family. Everyone is keeping in touch with what is going on," said Shows. "More churches should approach missions with the concept of total involvement — not just sending the youth choir on tour," he added.

Mississippians On Bold Mission Trip To Africa

Thirty-nine Mississippians left Aug. 6 on a three-week Bold Mission Thrust endeavor in South Africa. The Mississippians will be working with 130 churches in South Africa to "enable those churches to increase their own strength and mission outreach," according to John Alexander, who is leading the project.

Alexander is director of the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Coordinating the venture from the South African perspective is Roger Voke, the director of the Department of Evangelism for the Baptist Mission of South Africa.

The Mississippians making the trip are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Jackson; Leo Barker, Baldwin; Bob Barnes, Poplarville; Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Cork, Aberdeen; W. E. Corkern, Hernando; Harris Counce, Ripley; Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Gowan Ellis, Noxapater;

Ulvie Fitts, Tupelo; Ralph Graves, Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hilburn, Jackson; Jackie Hamilton, Meridian; Jonathan C. Hamilton, Meridian; Le-

Mississippians Receive Degrees From NOBTS

Ten students from Mississippi completed graduation requirements in August at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. They are among the more than 320 persons who received degrees from the school during the 1978-79 academic year.

Those receiving the Master of church music degree are Thomas H. Smith, Brandon and Larry Wimberly, Tulsa.

Johnny R. Huey of Furrs received a diploma in pastoral ministries.

Receiving the master of religious education degree were Richard A. Colum, Jackson; Lisa Brannon, Lucedale; and W. Gene May, Meridian.

Donald Ray Weber, McComb; Thomas R. Arinder, Vaiden; Jess Eddie Gandy, West Point; and Robert Clyde Gillis, Columbus received the master of divinity degree.

Southern Baptists Surprised By Greek Orthodox Reaction

By Dan Martin

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist leaders have expressed surprise at the reaction of the Greek Orthodox Church in America to the appointment of two Greek-speaking missionaries.

The Greek Orthodox Church in America reportedly is furious over the appointment of Ignatius and Parthena Meimaris of Roslindale, Mass., as catalytic language missionaries to work among Greek-speaking people in the Boston area.

The Meimarises, natives of Katerini, Greece, were appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in June.

Shortly after the appointment, Archdeacon Methodios G. Tournas, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, sent identical letters to the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Adrian Rogers of Memphis, Tenn., and to William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The letters branded the appointments as "blatantly unchristian, nothing short of proselytism."

Rogers, who was elected to head the 13.2 million member SBC in mid-June, said he was "surprised by the intensity of the protest." Tanner, who heads the Atlanta-based agency, noted he had not expected the reaction of the Greek Orthodox leadership.

The Southern Baptist leaders, both in letters to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and in statements to Baptist Press, the SBC news service, said the intent of the appointment of the mis-

sionaries is not to proselytize, but to reach those persons who have been unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We, of course, do not feel that all Greeks are lost, and need to be saved," Rogers told Baptist Press. "But, we also do not feel that any person is necessarily a Christian because of his or her national origin. Our desire is to reach every person in the world with the gospel who is as yet unreached."

Tanner, in his response, said the Meimarises were appointed after Greek-Americans in Boston requested the board to appoint persons to work within that community. "We simply responded to a request from the local area," Tanner said.

Oscar Romo, director of the division of language missions at the board, said Southern Baptist work among ethnic groups is not a new thing. "We have been working among various ethnic groups since we were founded in 1845," Romo said. "Now, the Southern Baptist Convention includes representatives of 77 ethnic groups who study the Bible every week in more than 70 languages."

Tanner, in his response to Archdeacon Tournas, said: "Field studies, interviews and inquiries indicate that a spiritual vacuum exists among a segment of Greek Americans."

The appointment of the Meimarises, he added, is an effort to reach Greek-Americans who have been unreached by the gospel and not an attempt to proselytize.

Glenn Igleheart, director of the de-

partment of interfaith witness, added: "Not all Greeks are Greek Orthodox, and not all Greek Orthodox are faithful ones. Our concern is to make persons Christian, not just Baptists."

Romo said the Meimarises were appointed at the request of Greek Americans who have been conducting Bible studies.

"Work among the Greek community in Boston is not a new thing," Romo said. "We have been helping there since 1975, when a 'Mini-Laser' (ethnic survey) was held. We sought to identify the ethnic groups in an area of Boston, as well as their receptivity to the gospel. At that time (in 1975) a Greek-language Bible study was started at the request of the Greek people themselves."

"The survey was not aimed at Greeks alone, because during the survey, we discovered groups of Portuguese and Spanish speaking people who wished to begin Bible studies," Romo added.

Igleheart told Baptist Press the Home Mission Board has no formal statement regarding proselytism, but generally aims its efforts at persons who are unchurched or who are not actively attending a church of another faith.

Igleheart and his co-worker, C. Brownlow Hastings, have recently begun conversations with leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. According to news releases, Greek Orthodox leaders claim appointment of the Meimarises threatens those fledgling discussions. (Dan Martin is HMB news editor.)



Tate Street Youths Teach VBS In New York

Thirty-one members of Tate Street Church, Corinth, went to New York, July 10-22, to conduct backyard Bible clubs and do survey work in Stamford. This was sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Along the way the group stopped at Knoxville, Tenn.; Fredericksburg and Alexandria, Va.; Washington, D. C.; New York City, Niagara Falls, and Louisville, Ky. The young people paid part of their expenses. Love offerings and a contribution from the church paid the rest. Grant Clark is Tate Street pastor; Earl Earwood, Jr. is minister of music and youth.

Staff Changes

Parkway Church (Jackson Asso.) has called Paul Kirke as assistant to the pastor and outreach director. Before assuming his duties at Parkway, Kirke served at Jackson Avenue Church. Kenna Byrd is the Parkway pastor.

Bill Wade has been called by Bay Vista Church (Gulf Coast) to be minister of music and youth. He assumed his duties there August 1. Randall Perry is pastor.

Bill Cole has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church (Gulf Coast). He succeeds Tracy Martin who resigned to enter the seminary.

Howard Cole, pastor of Diamondhead Church (Gulf Coast) has resigned. He goes to serve a church in Louisiana.

James Johnson, pastor of D'Iberville First Church, (Gulf Coast), has resigned. He will be joining the Moody Adams Evangelist Crusade team.

Glenn Davis has accepted the pastorate of New Zion Church, Covington, La. He goes there from Ellison Ridge Church of Louisville where he has served for the past four years. Davis and his wife, the former Carol Carlisle, have two children, Chris and Wendy.

Fernwood Church (Gulf Coast) recently called Bob Gilmore to serve as minister of music. Gilmore, a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, is a native of Biloxi.

Davis

Floyd Hughes pastor of Olivet Church (Gulf Coast), has resigned to accept the call of a church in Lansing, Michigan. Hughes presently serves Gulf Coast Association as moderator.

Donnie Guy, pastor of Wade Church, has assumed the pastorate of Goodyear Church in Picayune.

Conrad Howell joined the staff of First Baptist Church, Corinth, on August 1 as minister of music and youth.

A native of Pontotoc, received the bachelor of music degree from William Carey College and the master of church music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 1974-75, Howell served as state BSU president. He is also listed in Who's Who among students in colleges and universities.

Howell, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Howell of Pontotoc, is married to the former Margaret Elizabeth Rainer of Dothan, Ala.

Friendship West Church, Tutwiler, has called James T. Woods as pastor. A native of Bolivar County, Woods attended Blue Mountain College. He comes to Friendship West from Rana Lara Church. He is married to the former Lucy Kaye Brantley of Cleveland, and they have four children.

First Baptist Church, Gulfport, has called Ron Geiger to serve as pastor of Poppo Ferry Chapel. Services began July 22, with the official dedication service on August 5. Geiger and his wife Mary Louise have two sons, Ricky and Ron.

Iowa Southern Baptists Adopt Four Year Goals

DES MOINES, Iowa (BP) — The Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship has defined its priorities for the next four years to be establishing new work and strengthening associations of churches.

Iowa Baptists plan to have 104 churches and chapels with a Sunday School enrollment of 8,078 by 1983, up from their current 64 churches and chapels and 6,679 in Sunday School.

Other goals adopted by the fellow-

ship's executive board include a 10 percent increase per year in baptisms, from 452 in 1978 to 662 in 1982. That would mean a total of 2,308 new converts baptized in 1979 through 1982.

Financial goals call for \$200,000 annually for mission work through the Cooperative Program by 1982, up from \$115,000 in 1978. The board also hopes to employ two more associational directors of missions. Two directors now serve the Iowa Fellowship's four associations.

Sunday School Board Fills 90,000 Orders For Literature Quarterly

By Jim Lowry
NASHVILLE — Every three months, almost 90,000 orders for literature are mailed to churches throughout the United States and the world by the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., is one of the largest publishers of religious materials in the world, founded on the principle of helping churches bring men to God through Jesus Christ.

Last year more than 160 million pieces of literature were mailed from

the Board, to answer literature needs of more than 35,000 Southern Baptist churches with a combined membership of 13.1 million.

Zip Code
Sheer magnitude of the mailing operation prompted the Nashville Postal Service several years ago to assign a zip code exclusively for use by the Sunday School Board. Last year approximately 300,000 mail bags were used to prepare literature for shipment.

From the beginning of the Sunday School Board's existence in 1892, the

education and publishing agency of the Southern Baptist Convention has been a publisher, not a printer. Consequently, printing work is contracted to companies all over the United States.

Altogether, 140 monthly and quarterly magazines are produced by the Sunday School Board. Bible study materials are produced for all age groups, plus leaders of each group.

Broadman
The Broadman division of the Sunday School Board is the general publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Last year, Broadman introduced 639 new products, including 108 books, 218 church supply items, and 14 motion pictures, plus hymnals, songbooks, choral and vocal selections, sheet music and instrumental works.

Broadman also produces filmstrips, videotapes, audio cassettes, recordings and eight track cartridges.

The largest single area of work at the Sunday School Board is the production of church services and materials. All periodical and training materials are developed and produced in this area for campus organizations, Sunday School, church training, church music, church administration, church architecture, church library, church recreation and family ministry.

Periodicals
A complex and lengthy periodical development process is followed for production of each magazine or periodical. After the initial determination of need by a sufficient number of Southern Baptist churches, the production process begins. All copy is edited numerous times for typographical accuracy and accuracy of content and quoted matter. A total of 44 sequential steps are involved in the editing process.

In the Bible teaching division, 19 periodicals have a quarterly or monthly circulation of over 250,000.

Home Life, a monthly periodical dealing with ministry to families, has a circulation total of more than 800,000.

Adequate Quantities
Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, said, "Almost from the beginning of the Southern Baptist Convention, there has been a widely accepted conviction that literature concerning the Christian gospel ought to be provided in adequate quantities, in suitable form and with superior quality to every Southern Baptist."

Written

Each year approximately 3,000 writers are employed from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention in the preparation of lesson quarterlies for use by Baptist churches. Lesson materials are written by pastors, church staff members and qualified men and women from all walks of life who are members of cooperating Southern Baptist churches.

No writers are employed by the Sunday School Board but 100 editors and supervisors are required to handle the preparatory steps involved in publishing the monthly, quarterly and undated periodicals.

During the peak order times for churches, mail orders number 2,000 to 3,000 per day and telephone orders are taken at the rate of 1,000 per day on 10 incoming lines.

Sharing The Gospel

The Southern Baptist Convention has undertaken a very ambitious task in the last few years of seeking to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person on earth by the year 2,000. Included in that goal is the hope of spreading the word to everyone in the United States by 1982. Printed materials are included at every step of these efforts.

January Bible Study, sponsored by the Sunday School department, chooses a different book of the Bible to study in the spring of each year. A study book which sold 315,000 copies last year, is published for use by church members.

In 1975 the Sunday School Board identified four areas which were established as priority for resources and attention. Under Bible teaching, a radio-television correspondence program was developed and premiered in October 1978.

A new Bible study curriculum also was introduced in October 1978 to give Southern Baptist churches an additional choice of Bible study materials.

Mature Living, the new magazine for senior adults, is nearing a circulation mark of 150,000 in its second year.

Hymnals

Special publishing projects sometimes make a large impression in a short period of time. In March 1975 a new Baptist Hymnal was published by the church music department of the Sunday School Board. More than 3.5 million copies of the hymnal are now in Southern Baptist churches.

God With Us

By James D. McEmore, Pastor, Thirty-eighth Ave., Hattiesburg
Joseph's dream of instruction featured an angel telling him of the imminent birth of Mary's son. These instructions included the name of the child, Jesus. Then the angel quoted the prophet Isaiah saying, "... and they shall call his name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23 NASV)



McEmore

During a recent excursion in another state I passed a church building which was named "The Tabernacle of God." After thinking about the meaning of that church sign, here are some thoughts about God's dwelling place.

The word, "tabernacle" means tent, thus, a dwelling place. That church sign said "the dwelling place of God." The angel announced, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18 NASV)

The dwelling place of God is with His people. He is not limited to a building.

God is with us Sunday through Saturday. God is with us "in church" and outside the building. He is with us on the highway and in outer space. He is with us on the job, in the classroom, at home and in recreation.

God walks with us through the storms of life, down in the deep dark valleys. He walks with us where no man can walk. His comforting Spirit is present in life's most troubled times.

God is present with us in those most joyous times. A new mother recently said, "I never felt the presence of God more than I did when my little girl was born."

God is with us — every moment of life. He isn't limited to any single church building. He goes with us into every place we will follow Him.

Roy Raddin Named Director Of Missions

Roy D. Raddin began duties as director of missions for the Washington County Baptist Association, July 15.



Raddin

Former pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Greenville, Raddin has also been pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and of Anguilla and Tchula Baptist Churches.

The Hattiesburg native is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1955.

He has been a moderator of three

associations, served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1968-73, and was first vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1971.

Raddin is active in Rotary Club, serving now as president of the Greenville chapter.

Mrs. Raddin is the former Myra Corley of Jackson. They have two children.

The associational office is in Greenville at 238 Thomas Street.

James Richardson, pastor of FBC, Leland chaired the search committee for the director of missions job for which Raddin was elected unanimously. Howard Taylor, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, is moderator.

Off The Record

An English gentleman was told by his head footman that there was a burglar in the long gallery.

"Tell Mason to get Armitage to send Rawlins to me with a gun," he said. "And tell Linton to lay out my tweeds."

Miss: "The man I marry must have enormous courage."

Beau: "Oh, you're not as bad as all that."

Uniform Lesson

Responding To God's Call

By Ed North
First, Quilman
Isaiah 6:1-8

Someone has said Isaiah had a religious experience in three dimensions. "Woe" in verse five is a word of confession. "Lo" in verse seven is a word of cleansing. "Go" in verse nine is a word of commission. In an upward vision Isaiah saw the Lord. In an inward vision he saw himself. In an outward vision he saw his people. It was a vision of height, depth, and breadth. It was a vision of holiness (note the thrice holy God), hellishness (note the strong conviction of sin), and healing (note the purging of sin).

Out of this experience Isaiah was called into one of the most influential ministries in Hebrew history. The elements in the divine-human encounter set forth in our text provide insight into our own relationship with God.

I. The Crisis

(v. 1: II Chronicles 26).
"In the year that king Uzziah died" not only marks the date of Isaiah's experience, but indicates the motivation for it. The death of the strongest ruler of Judah since the Golden Era of David and Solomon (check the Chronicles material) plunged Isaiah and the nation into an abyss of despair and dread. Do you remember how you felt when Roosevelt died? When Kennedy was assassinated? In the midst of a national and personal crisis Isaiah, the aristocrat, a member of the king's

Hammock Named By Commission

Rex Hammock has been named director of communications of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, according to Arthur L. Walker, executive director - treasurer. Hammock, 25, a native of Phenix City, Ala., will coordinate the commission's communication activities and serve as associate editor of the "Southern Baptist Educator." A graduate of Samford University, Hammock is scheduled to receive the master of divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in December.

court, made his way to the temple of God.

Our world is beset by a crisis of leadership. The nations of the earth search in vain for a Churchill, a DeGaulle, a Roosevelt, a Truman, even a Stalin or Mao. The world is ruled today by small men of limited vision and capacity. The king is dead! Our world totters in the hands of the inept, the incompetent, and in some cases, the insane. Men of sensitivity and concern are turning to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as mankind's only hope. Crises invariably prompt an interest in the spiritual.

II. The Confrontation (vv. 2-4)

As Isaiah meditated in the temple something glorious began to happen; earth gave way to heaven. The temple of Jerusalem receded before the temple of Glory. The chanting of the priests was replaced by the singing of the heavenly host. The cherubim above the mercy seat gave way to the seraphim about God's throne. Isaiah saw the Lord "high and lifted up." He saw the Lord in his sovereignty ("sitting upon a throne"), his majesty ("the train of his robe filled the temple"), his holiness ("Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts"), and his power ("the posts of the door moved").

The most telling factor in a person's life is his concept of God. It shapes what he is and what he does. Isaiah could have looked out upon the conditions of his day and succumbed to despair. Instead he saw the Lord in greatness and grandeur, and in that vision he found victory.

III. The Conviction (v. 5: Isaiah 1)

Against the dazzling white backdrop of the holiness of God Isaiah saw the blackness of his own sins and the sins of his people. The phrase "unclean lips" suggests that empty religious rituals lay at the root of the sin problem. The people of Judah paid "lip service" to God, while living immoral, unethical lives (see Isaiah 1 for a list of national sins). Now, in the very presence of the Holy One of Israel, Isaiah feels a deep conviction of sin.

It is this serious view of sin which is tragically missing from contemporary society. We make mistakes, react to our environment, express inherited

traits, but we do not sin. Dr. Karl Menninger has written a book entitled, *Whatever Became of Sin?*

This absence of conviction is a barometer of our distance from God. The farther we drift from Him, the less our sins bother us. But, when we are confronted with the living presence of the Holy God, we cry with Isaiah, "Woe is me! for I am undone."

IV. The Cleansing (vv. 6-7)

In response to Isaiah's repentant spirit God moves in forgiving grace to cleanse from sin. One of the seraphim takes a live coal from the altar and touches it to Isaiah's lips. Then comes the great, good news: "thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

The cleansing process is highly suggestive. In the first place it suggests the painful reality of sin. Fire burns, but it also cleanses. Sin is so powerful that only radical measures are capable of coping successfully with it. In the second place the process demonstrates that sin must be dealt with at its source. Too often the church attacks the symptoms of sin rather than the source. Many public decisions registered in our services skirt the real problems eating at the souls of our people. The cleansing fire was laid upon the "unclean lips" of Isaiah where the sin problem had its roots.

V. The Call (v. 8)

All that Isaiah experienced was preparing him for God's call to service. First came revelation ("I saw the Lord"), next prostration ("Woe is me! for I am undone"), then purification ("thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged"), and finally, dedication ("Here am I; send me").

Isaiah's response to the divine call was based on his high view of God, his understanding of himself as a forgiven sinner, and a vision of his people burdened with sin. The implementation of his call was shaped and sharpened by that moment of majestic splendor in the temple. When he thundered words of doom upon a rebellious people, it was as one who had looked into the ugly heart of sin. When he spoke poetically of redemption (see Isaiah 53), it was as one who had looked into the loving heart of God. Isaiah's call, and his response to it, stands as a challenge to every man who has experienced redeeming love in his life.

Life and Work Lesson

Vision And Response

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Acts 16:1-40

Have you ever observed proud parents as they coddle and provide for an infant child? There is always a great concern that no harm befall nor benefit be missed. Such was the spirit and attitude of Paul and Barnabas of the infant congregations "birthed" on their first missionary journey. Just like the anxiety of parents of a college freshman, away and on his own for the first time, Paul expressed (15:36) anxiety and a desire to visit again these newly organized groups on their own.

The story of the "split" between Paul and Barnabas is familiar. With his new partner Silas, Paul retraces part of his steps to assure and edify the young churches. Along the way, in Lystra, another young evangelist, Timothy, was added to the group. What a conglomerate they must have appeared to be: Silas, from Jerusalem; Timothy, half Gentile; Paul, the Roman Jew; and Luke, altogether a Gentile. (Luke changes from "they" to "we" in Acts 16:10 indicating he "joined up" in Troas.)

I. Following Directions (Acts 16:1-15)

(1) **The Place** — The purpose of this trip may have had its origination in Paul's desire to revisit the new churches, but God expanded the trip. Two areas were declared "off-limits" — Asia and Bythnia. In vv. 6-7 we find that the Holy Spirit had forbidden them to speak in Asia and did not permit them to proceed to Bythnia. Certainly, the Good News needs to be heard everywhere, but apart from God's power and leadership it is not effective. We need to be sensitive to both leadership and prohibition. Christians often spend valuable time and energy attempting ministry in areas and endeavors that God is not directing while neglecting those that are His will. Luke writes that this forbidden territory was recognized as such by Paul and Silas. There is no indication of a long wait for new instructions. The night vision of the "Macedonian Call" is recorded clearly. Their response to the vision is three-fold: (1) They carefully considered the situation and concluded that it clearly meant, "Go to

Macedonia." (2) They immediately submitted to the directions. (3) They set a straight course for Philippi. So often in our church planning and programming we fail in one or more of these steps. We don't seek to clearly understand God's will, but substitute our desires. We delay action until finances or personnel are available. We, also, often sail a crooked course seeking to keep all the people happy instead of following specific instructions from God.

(2) **The People** — Philippi, a Roman colony, had few Jews, and therefore no synagogue. The usual place of gathering in these situations was near a stream, river or lake so the ceremonial washings could be performed. Seeking the Philippian Jews near the river they found a group of women to be ready listeners. As always, when we do it under God's direction, the Good News fell on prepared hearts. Among the converts was Lydia, whose first service as a new Christian was to serve as hostess to the traveling missionaries, providing shelter for their stay. The zeal and service of the newly born-again needs to be rekindled in many of us. What can we do? A lot!

II. Facing Bad Public Relations (Acts 16:16-18)

Satan has already lost the war to Christ, but, oh, how he tries to win some of the small skirmishes in the "clean-up" operation. A slave girl, known to have an ability to tell fortunes as a soothsayer, began to follow them, crying out that these men were servants of the most high God, with the true message of salvation. The message was correct, but the credibility of the messenger was damaging to the efforts of Paul and his group. Finally, by the power of God and in the name of Jesus, the evil spirit was exorcised. The girl was freed from its possession, but the missionaries were about to suffer persecution because her owners had suffered the loss of their profit.

III. Feeling Persecution (Acts 16:19-24)

American Deep-South Christians don't face much persecution these days. The persecution we hear about is too often in remote far-away places far from our comfortable churches. Paul and his group found that to be Jewish and Christian and to "mess with"

someone's pocketbook were unpopular things in Philippi. Unlike the American idiom: "Innocent until proven guilty," the Philippian magistrates considered accused Jews to be guilty as charged regardless of the circumstances. The persecution proceeded from the emotional anguish of public denunciation to the physical anguish of a stout beating (with rods). From the beating with rods, they were taken to the jail and placed in stocks which prohibited any movement to even soothe one another's wounds. Persecution can be physical, even today. The fate of Christians in Africa, Russia, and China is often hidden in press releases. We need to pray for them and do anything we can to aid their plight of suffering.

IV. Furthering The Kingdom In Unusual Places (Acts 16:25-34)

Whereas, most of us would have been sharing words of physical consolation, our missionaries to Philippi were singing hymns and praying, witnessing to the other prisoners around them.

God's supernatural power provided a release from the stocks that bound the captives. God's super-abundant grace provided release from the sin that bound the jailer's heart. When he saw Christ's love being demonstrated he wanted to know what he must do to be that way, too. The missionary group assured him that not only he, but his whole household could be changed as they individually placed their trust in Jesus. Head of the household to lowest servant, salvation was received as they believed.

The vision which Paul saw in the night was a man crying for help. All around us are the cries of miserable people seeking to find peace and contentment.

God's plan is to direct those who belong to Him to go to those who do not. He will give us the vision, but we must make the response.

The associations exist to minister to the churches, to minister for the churches, to minister through the churches, all to the glory of God. —Allen W. Graves